

**My Bold Thoughts**  
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**My Bold Thoughts after meeting with Mike Petrovick and conversing with the committee on January 28, 2020. These are the thoughts of Bruce Hill PERSONALLY and do not reflect the position of the Jaffrey Historical Society. For distribution to JHS Executive Team and CC Study Team only.**

***If money was no object...***

The goals as I see them are to make the Civic Center more relevant and sustainable, and to improve facilities for the Jaffrey Historical Society. Major points include making the building more inviting by opening up and adding a glass atrium to the front. Plan for the JHS to stay and share the building and close the basement to the public.

1. Push back rear parking as far as possible.
2. Make connector drive to Bradley Court as far back as possible.
3. Build Archive Building attached to the Civic Center's northwest corner, usurping existing Bradley Court driveway, existing ramp, and garden shed. Connect to Civic Center heat, plumbing, electricity, phone network with shared cost. This saves a wall and allows for easy transfer of people and goods when needed. Make it large enough to include storage of additional chairs, new exhibit cases and equipment. Add on garage for hearses and other large items.
4. Make driveway and handicap parking against new and existing buildings on west side.
5. Remove the proposed two handicap parking spots on current driveway front of building.
6. Construct a front walkway from Main Street to the front door.
7. Make the current Civic Center Library room into the Executive Director's office and administrative space.
8. Remove two walls of current office, left and right glass display case walls (back of auditorium), vestibule doors and walls, restroom two walls, and storage two walls.
9. In current kitchen and conference room reconfigure space to create restroom, kitchen, and supply closet.
10. Remove front outside wall between existing library room and conference room.

11. Build glass atrium across entire front of building overlapping terrace. Extend to second floor. Add curved open stairway in atrium to second floor. Add accessible entrance on Bradley Court end of atrium. Place a reception desk on side of atrium, maintaining clear sightline from Main Street.

12. Install multiple sliding partition doors to segregate meeting spaces. Add 2 or more moveable walls on each floor. Purchase portable display cases, along with ropes and stands.

13. Remove second floor gallery interior walls to create large open space. Convert south classroom wall to glass and add accessible ramp into classroom. Remodel classroom restroom and storage space. Add a supply of chairs for the second floor.

14. Basement:

Rehab one accessible restroom. Maintain the glass wall and keep all interior walls as they are. No need for structural changes. Gradually remove and de-accession some items. All three rooms will serve as storage and staging areas for larger holdings and archives that are too large for the new archives building. No public area on basement level. All exhibits will be temporary and located on first and second floors, mixed in with Civic Center art displays. Exhibits could be in portable display cases, hung from walls, or free standing behind ropes and stands. Exhibits would change out themes and locations two or three times a year. Multiple exhibit sites on first and second floors at any one time, either themed or independent.

15. Repair exterior basement window wells, windows, and other exterior areas as needed. Prune and remove selected shrubs and trees {except my favorite large landmark tree!}. Repair existing driveway. Replace all light fixtures, electrical receptacles, and expand phone system. Add fire alarm system; update security, outside lights, and signage.

16. Re-name the Civic Center to Jaffrey Cultural Center.

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***These are the thoughts and visions I had coming away from the last meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.***

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